

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the 6-27-03 application with preliminary amendment that has been entered.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Reasons For Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-16 are allowable over the cited prior art because Bradin (US 6566997) discloses multiple interrogators or readers that delay interrogation activities when a reception of a peak signal over a threshold is detected before initiating interrogation, but does not teach nor fairly suggest a second carrier wave transmission judging device which judges, before the carrier wave transmitter transmits the first carrier wave, whether the second interrogator is transmitting a second carrier wave toward the second transponder so that the second transponder receives the second carrier wave, modulates the second carrier wave based on second information, and returns the modulated second carrier wave as a second reflected wave toward the second interrogator; a reflected wave reception judging device which judges, when the second carrier wave transmission judging device judges that the second interrogator is transmitting the second carrier wave, whether the reflected wave receiver can receive, as a third reflected wave, a modulated second carrier wave that has been modulated by the first transponder based on said first information and returned therefrom; and a transmitter and receiver controller which controls, when the reflected wave reception judging device

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judges that the reflected wave receiver can receive the third reflected wave returned from the first transponder, the carrier wave transmitter not to transmit the first carrier wave, and additionally controls the reflected wave receiver to receive the third reflected wave. Emmerling (US 6867686) discloses a transponder with subcarrier modulator but does not teach nor fairly suggest a carrier wave receiving device and returning device which receives each of the common carrier and exclusive carrier, common carrier judging device and in a system with a second carrier wave transmission judging device which judges, before the carrier wave transmitter transmits the first carrier wave, whether the second interrogator is transmitting a second carrier wave toward the second transponder so that the second transponder receives the second carrier wave, modulates the second carrier wave based on second information, and returns the modulated second carrier wave as a second reflected wave toward the second interrogator; a reflected wave reception judging device which judges, when the second carrier wave transmission judging device judges that the second interrogator is transmitting the second carrier wave, whether the reflected wave receiver can receive, as a third reflected wave, a modulated second carrier wave that has been modulated by the first transponder based on said first information and returned

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therefrom; and a transmitter and receiver controller which controls, when the reflected wave reception judging device judges that the reflected wave receiver can receive the third reflected wave returned from the first transponder, the carrier wave transmitter not to transmit the first carrier wave, and additionally controls the reflected wave receiver to receive the third reflected wave. The other cited references disclose plural interrogator systems.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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